



Spring Blooms

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GCO Mission: to promote and encourage garden skills and knowledge, both individual and civic, and to further an understanding of horticulture, floral design, pollinators, and conservation.

Dear Members,

It has been a successful year for The Garden Club of Orange with innovations for the future and expansion for our traditional projects in town. Thanks to the research and work of Fran Castiello, this year, we will soon have a website to add to our excellent publicity. Sally Denny has taken the stewardship of the perennial and annual garden at the Stone-Otis House as part of the "pollinator pathway". After a very successful May Market, Eileen Eisenman and Joanne Duran have initiated the "Garden Party" tour as a possible expansion of Ways and Means.

Our strength lies in the contributions of all the members. Our new members, Ginny Proestakes and Priscilla Barnes, enthusiastically participated in several events before being introduced to the general membership. At the June luncheon we welcomed back Elly Torello from Utah for the summer and acknowledged her generous gift for enrichment of the members, education, and honorariums. This continues ten years of special contributions, dedication, and friendship with Elly.

I will always be thankful for the support I received as President of The Garden Club of Orange. As we begin a summer of relaxation and gardening, we are lucky to welcome our new President Sandy Horling. Sandy has been working very hard to make our club better than ever. Thank you!

Patti Logioco
President



Congratulations to Sandy Horling, our new President; we are looking forward to working with you.

Much thanks and appreciation to Patti Logioco, our retiring President; wishing her the best.

Love from a grateful membership.

PROGRAM REVIEWS

April Meeting

"April Showers - Underwater Design"



Blue Ribbon,
Violet Nastri



Red Ribbon,
Sally Denny



Yellow Ribbon,
Sandy Dadlani



White Ribbon,
Diana DeFillippo

April Program - Floral Design Technique

When completing a creative floral design, there are many techniques that can be employed, as indicated in Handbook for Flower Shows pages 81-83. Banding, wrapping, clustering, layering, terracing, weaving, and grouping were some of the creative design techniques, which Lana Ho used in three floral designs she presented. Other techniques were discussed.

Members were then invited by Lana and Linda Bradford to incorporate at least three techniques in a floral design of their own. Containers with floral foam were provided. Seven buckets of flowers and leaves were available for everyone to select from in completing their designs. Members enjoyed the process and worked busily, ending with wonderful creative floral designs to bring home.

**Linda Bradford
Program Chair**



Lana Ho With Her
Three Creative Floral Designs



Front: Marianne Bauer, Patty Riordan
Middle: Priscilla Barnes, Lisa
Stackpole, Teresa Evangeliste
Rear: Caroline Dirsa



Front: Sally Denny, Margherita Lisi, Nancy Becque
Middle: Eileen Eisenman, Betty Hadlock
Rear: Caroline Dirsa, Lisa Stackpole



Priscilla Barnes



Nancy Becque



Pat Nizen



Fran Castiello



Violet Nastri



Cindy Evangeliste



Patty Riordan

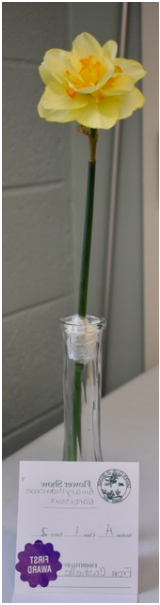


Lisa Stackpole



Laurian Kehoe

April Horticulture "Spring Beauties" Blue Ribbons



Fran Castiello



Sally Denny



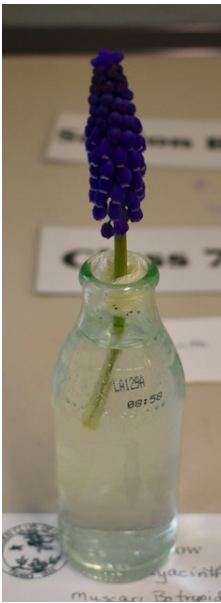
Sally Denny



Cindy Evangeliste



Patti Logioco



Margherita Lisi



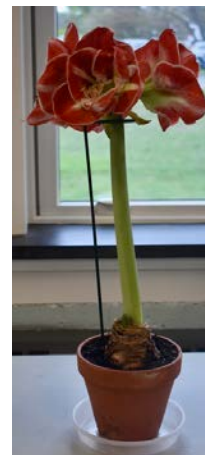
Margherita Lisi



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Patti Logioco

May - Field Trip

Nineteen garden club members gathered at the Silver Education Center of the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens on May 16, 2023. A delectable luncheon was awaiting them, purchased from LaRocca Country Market in Stamford. After lunch there was ample time to peruse some of the nearby gardens, especially the sensory gardens, the herb gardens, the fern gardens, and the perennial gardens.

Certified Master Gardener, Peter Russell, then gave a most informative slide show presentation and talk on identifying and controlling weeds in the garden. Peter left us with a handout, so we could recall the important points of his talk.

Tracy Kay, CEO at Bartlett, then gave us a walking tour of more of the grounds, highlighting the history of this special place and its arboreal aspect. We heard about Francis A. Bartlett, a dendrologist and founder of his internationally known tree care company on the property, back in 1913. We were introduced to many Champion trees and saw more of the thirteen gardens. Altogether, the Bartlett Arboretum and Gardens is 93 acres. It's a captivating place, and many members spoke of revisiting to share in the joy of it with family members and friends.



Linda Bradford



Front Table: Priscilla Barnes,
Diana DeFillippo
Middle Table: Pat McCorkle,
Marianne Bauer, Eileen Eisenman
Rear Table: Ginny Proestakes, Violet
Nastri (hidden), Laurian Kehoe



Front Row: Sally Denny, Margherita Lisi
Middle Row: Patty Riordan,
Maryellen Bepuda, Fran Castiello
Back Row: Teresa Evangeliste, Joanne
Duran (hidden)



Tracy Kay, CEO at Bartlett
Leading a walking tour of the grounds.



A Beautiful day
for a stroll
through the
gardens



Pollarded Tree Collection

These trees have all been pruned back to the same point each year, giving them their stunted stature. This style is called "pollarding", an old English term that means "crew cut". A favorite style in European gardens, pollarding offers a unique and visual feature, keeping trees compact when space is limited.

The original pollarded tree collection selected just the wood now occupied by the Greenhouse. The trees are pruned each winter season to keep their shape.

Pollarded trees in winter show a balanced pattern of branches.

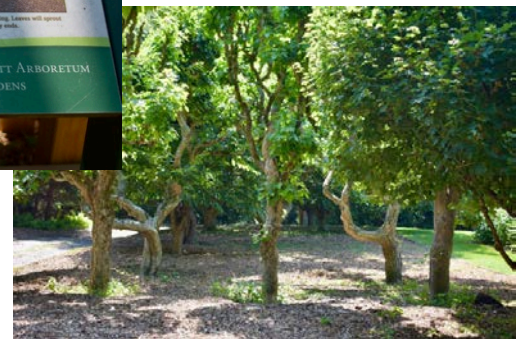
Pollarded trees after winter pruning. Leaves will sprout from the healthy buds.

In Dr. Bartlett's day, these trees were used for experimental purposes. Scientists would introduce insects and diseases, monitor their destructive effects and attempt to remedy these problems with cutting-edge treatments of the time. At the end of each season, the diseased branches were removed by using pollarding pruning methods.

This modest collection is all that remains from a time when rows of pollarded trees could be found in the area now occupied by the Greenhouse. Tree varieties include sweet gum (*Liquidambar styraciflua*), Ohio buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*), and white mulberry (*Morus alba*).

This area is a lasting reminder of Dr. Bartlett's work as one of the founders of modern-day arboriculture.

BARTLETT ARBORETUM & GARDENS



June Luncheon

The annual June Luncheon was held June 13th at the Stonebridge Restaurant in Milford. Elly Torello has contributed a substantial donation to The Garden Club of Orange and discussed ways the donation could be used. New members Priscilla Barnes and Ginny Proestakes were introduced. Horticultural Sweepstakes Awards were given.

The Distinguished Service Award of The Garden Club of Orange was given to Nancy Mellone for her many contributions to the Club. The current President, Patti Logioco, introduced new President Sandy Horling.

Thanks to club members who designed and donated the table arrangements pictured below.

Sandy Horling and Diane Geary
Hospitality Co-Chairs



Pat Nizen



Gerbera Daisies by Ginny Proestakes



Sally Denny



Laurian Kehoe



Marguerita Lisi



Teresa Evangeliste



Eileen Eisenman



Diane Geary

Nancy Mellone received the **Distinguished Service Award** for 2023. She is the fourth person to have her name engraved on the silver bowl, since 2020.

The silver bowl was presented by Lana Ho, last year's recipient of the honor.



President Patti Logioco, Nancy Mellone, Lana Ho



Pollinator Garden Towel - a gift from Elly Torello to be displayed whenever we can

Sally Denny, Horticulture Chair, Elly Torello



New Members
Priscilla Barnes,
Nancy Becque (Membership Chair),
Ginny Proestakes



Sweepstakes Award for Exhibiting Horticulture
Margherita Lisi (1st); Sally Denny, Horticulture Chair;
Eileen Eisenman (3rd); Cindy Evangeliste (2nd)

Luncheon Candids



Diane Geary, Laurian Kehoe, Sandy Horling



Gail Nixon, Nancy Mellone



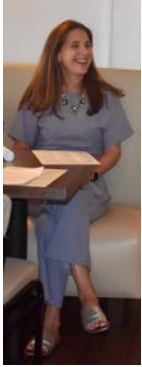
Laurian Kehoe, Pat McCorkle,
Marianne Bauer, Maryellen
Bespuda, Pat Nizen,
Violet Nastri



Marguerita Lisi, Sally Denny,
Nancy Bartle, Betty Hadlock,
Diana DeFillippo



Cuccu Bell



Lisa Stackpole



Teresa Evangeliste,
Cindy Evangeliste,
Sandy Dadlani



Caroline Dirsra,
Margot Ramos



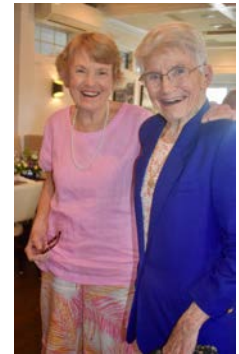
Raye MacLellan won
the Table Arrangement



Nancy Becque, Lana Ho,
Priscilla Barnes, President
Elect Sandy Horling



Ginny Proestakes,
Gail Nixon,



Elly Torello,
Nancy Becque



Pat Nizen



President Patti Logioco,
EllyTorello



Marianne Bauer won
the Table Arrangement



Nancy Bartle, with New
Member, Priscilla Barnes

Events

Creative Design Workshop

The Creative Design Workshop facilitated by Lana Ho on March 21, 2023, was a wonderful exhibition of the creative talent of our members. In advance of the workshop, Lana placed containers and recycled objects in 'surprise' paper bags for our use. An abundance of flowers was distributed to us to create personal designs. The tasks were organized by levels of difficulty from A to E. No one knew in advance what materials they would have, nor the difficulty level of the design. The various bags were placed randomly around the tables.

Listening to the initial gasps and funny reactions of the members was priceless! The participants set upon their tasks while Lana offered design suggestions, in addition to her support and encouragement. Then it was time to display the lovely and creative designs of the members. Lana critiqued the designs and encouraged our designers to adjust them under her tutelage. Every design was lovely and unique. Personally, I do not remember enjoying a workshop more. It encouraged conversation and interaction among us. We are fortunate to have such creative design instruction from our in-house master, Lana Ho.

Laurian Kehoe



Maryellen Bespuda & Betty Hadlock



Lana Ho



Nancy Becque



Laurian Kehoe



South Side of Town Hall

See how well our shrubs are doing that we planted on the South side of Orange Town Hall in celebration of ninety years for The Garden Club of Orange back in 2020.

Linda Bradford



One of the five *Skimmia japonica* in the foreground looking lush.



Kalmia latifolia 'Sarah' (Mountain Laurel) - Plenty of blooms, not fully opened in late May.

Planting at Stone-Otis Gardens - May 25, 2023



Group: Patty Riordan, Pat Nizen, Sally Denny, Maryellen Bspuda, Pat Dray
Missing From Photo: Linda Bradford



Patty Riordan



One of the Four Planted Sections



Sally Denny

Stone-Otis House Herb Garden



The gardens were mulched at Stone-Otis House on June 27, 2023.

Maryellen Bespuda and Sally Denny (in picture at left) were joined by Cuccu Bell, Pat Dray, Patty Riordan, and Linda Bradford.

Ways & Means / May Market



HPCC Display Case
Diana DeFillippo

On May 13, 2023 we held our annual May Market in front of the High Plains Community Center. We had three tents, as the pavilion was in use for another function that day. We were in luck with the weather which turned out to be a beautiful, sunny May Day. As usual we sold baked goods provided by our members. We also sold perennials, herbs, and a few house plants, also from our members. The annuals, consigned by Shamrock Farms, were almost sold out this year. It was a great opportunity to visit with each other and offer helpful hints to the community at large who make up our customer base.

Special thanks to all who participated, including those who lent the tents, provided the baked goods and plants, the cashiers, and all who assisted in making the sale a great success. More special thanks to those who took the trouble to dig in their gardens, or the gardens of other donors, and to prepare the perennials for sale. Thank you, thank you, thank you. We managed to raise \$1688 that day, with more money coming in from the members who will donate \$10 in lieu of baking.

**Eileen Eisenman , Patti Logioco
Co-Chairs**



Linda Bradford, Lana Ho, and
Happy Customer



Ginny Proestakes, Joanne
Duran, and Patti Logioco



Customer surveying the
plants

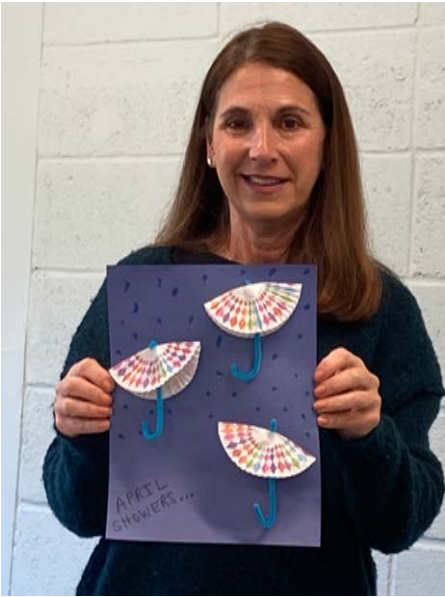


Checking out selection of
herbs and plants

Garden Therapy

Fun craft kits delivered to residents at Orange Health Care

**Lisa Stackpole
Chair**



April Showers



Bring May Flowers



June: Summer Blooms

Congratulations



Patti Logioco, Sandy Horling, Laurian Kehoe, Betty Hadlock, Sally Denny

One of our own,
Betty Hadlock, being
honored as an
Orange Living
Treasure - 2023

Member Sharing



Marguerite Kreuzkamp's gardens

Upcoming Events

Stone-Otis Garden Tour

July 20th, 3:00 to 5:30 pm

Weeding on the Green

Weeding on *The Green* this summer will be on the following dates:

Both Wednesdays - July 19 and August 16.

Active Members, check your summer calendars and be prepared to sign up to weed on one of those dates.

Sign up by calling Marianne Bauer.

Please mark your calendars with the meeting dates.

LOOK FOR MORE DETAILS ABOUT OUR MEETINGS IN OUR LOCAL NEWSPAPERS!

NOTES: Any information for the next newsletter? Please send to Betty Hadlock, email: bhadlock@sbcglobal.net. Let us hear from you! Tell us your good news! What would you like included in the next newsletter? Send changes to the Directory to Nancy Mellone, 228 Old Grassy Hill Road, Orange, CT 06477, email nmellone@aol.com or 203-795-5536.

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"Happiness is to hold
flowers in both hands"

-Japanese proverb